Samuel L. Hill

Willimantic Feby. 24th 1836.

Rev. Amos A. Phelps

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Dear Sir

Yours of the 16th inst is received
I have been absent for some days on account of the sickness
of my family. else should have written to you ere this time
I have advised with some of the friends of emancipation
on the subject of your letter. They choose to have you come
and lecture yourself. firstly, rather than Mr Burleigh
Circumstances are such that we should be more apt to
obtain a suitable house in which to have the lecture, were
you to come instead of him. The Methodist Minister is an
Abolitionist openly. The Congl & Baptist Ministers avow
themselves friendly to the cause but as yet deem it inex-
pedient and imprudent for them to take an active part
The two Deacons and some other important members
of the Congl Ch. are firm abolitionists and will be active
They are using their exertions at present to obtain the Congl
house for the Lecture but have warm opponents in
the Society. They will be more apt to succeed for your
-self to lecture than for Mr Burleigh and that house is
decidedly the more proper place for the Meeting.—
There is also (as I am informed) some prejudice against
Mr Burleigh on account of his publishing a certain News
-paper entitled the "Unionist". I have no acquaintance
with him whatever and therefore cannot be well judge of the
expediency and propriety of his coming as my friends
but should he come we will make the best arrange
-ments possible. Should you get this in season perhaps
it would be well to delay his visit until after you
have been here even if that cannot be for some weeks
I might
The feeling here is more favorable to the cause than
when I wrote you before. You will please inform of your
conclusions in this matter and we will endeavor to
make arrangements accordingly. There are some
copies of the "Emancipator" "Human Right" circulated here

Respectfully Yours

Samuel L Hill